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STORIES I HAVE ENJOYED MOST

By A. Willard Jaffray
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Books were the first things I got any knowledge of in my life. We had all kinds of reading matter in the house—books, newspapers, story-papers, magazines. My father kept a book store and sold all kinds of boys papers. Among them were Frank Touseys. I had not learned to read at this time. But afterwards I found a big lot of all kinds in the Garret up stairs, among them were Boys of New York and Young Men of America. I had a great time with them for a long time after.

After that I used to get them of T. G. Clark, who kept the P. O. News Stand, he used to keep a pile there for the boys to look over. I remember some of them, there was Gus Williams' great story—"One of the Finest", then there were the Frank Reades, James Boys, Peter Pads Funny Stories, Wild West Stories, like "Diamond cut Diamond". Kit Carsons Little Scout". There were some pretty good stories to by a New York detective, one of the first pictures I remember was a Frank Reade picture. This was about 1875, which was of an air ship. A large ship in the air, three masts with propellers on top and on the ends of the ship. Frank Reade and Pump and Barney and another man in the Ship—wild black men on the ground looking scared. I would like to get the story now to read. How fine all these stories were.

Some of the stories in the Golden

ROME BANS NICK CARTER, BUFFALO BILL AND LINCOLN

ROME, Aug. 4, 1939 (A.P.)—The works of many famous writers, including many Jews, and such books as the Nick Carter series, "Life and Adventures of Buffalo Bill" and Ludwig's "Lincoln" are on a list condemned officially today as unsuited to the Fascist spirit.

Booksellers and librarians received today the list, including books which have been seized and destroyed and others of which the sale has been forbidden.

The condemned authors include Balzac, Boccacio, Rabelais, Voltaire, Poe, Edgar Wallace, Thomas Mann, Arnold Zweig, Emil Ludwig, H. G. Wells, Franz Werfel, Robert Graves, Machiavelli, Jacob Wasserman, Agatha Christie, George Sand, Axel Munthe and Arthur Schnitzler.

Days were just as fine, one by Oliver Optic called "The Prosperous Son", and one by Harry Castelmon called "The Mystery of Lost River Canyon" were fine. Then the stories of Deerfoot by Edward S. Ellis in "Ned in the Woods", "Ned on the River", Ned in the Block House were fine too. I have had some of nearly all of the libraries as they first came out. I have been trying to collect a lot in the last ten years but could not get what I want—that is not all as they cost more than I have, or can afford.

I think I have read more than most people in the last seventy years. Few of the old timers are left for us to read now.

MRS. FRANK DUMONT

Mrs. Nellie Dumont, widow of Frank Dumont, famous minstrel, died Wednesday, May 28, 1939 at her home, 1207 Green St. Her husband died in his theatre, 9th and Arch Sts. in 1919.

Mrs. Dumont, who was 83, acted when a child with Joseph Jefferson, in "Rip Van Winkle". She was the former Nellie Winton, daughter of a Baltimore stock company actor. She had lived at her home on Green St. for 60 years.

The wife of Gilbert Patten of Burt L. Standish, Frank Merriwell fame, died today up at their summer home in Maine, August 21, 1939. Age 60.

Frank T. Fries, 519 N. Church St., Orrville, Ohio, died in April last. At one time, he was the publisher of the Dime Novel Round-up, also Novel World, Blood and Thunder, etc.

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